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FUNDING

Ambulance service needs money for debt repayment

by Carla Victor

A three dollar increase per capita funding will be needed to keep Mountain View Ambulance out of the red next year, said Executive Director for Mountain View Regional Emergency Services (MVRES), Lyle McKellar.

McKellar met with Mountain View County Council to discuss the \$3 per capita funding increase and explain why an additional \$4.98 per capita will be needed to address debt repayment.

After their first year of operation, MVRES has projected an accrued net loss of \$10,000 for their 2001 budget.

Final figures will be available by the end of March.

The increase will mean Mountain View County and the four urban centres within its boundaries will be paying \$16 per capita instead of the \$13 proposed in 2000, when the regional service was being established. The change is expected to cost the County \$90,000.

"The \$13 just wasn't meeting the budget," said McKellar to council.

He explained the previous funding was just shy of meeting the operational costs and didn't begin to address debt such as a \$550,000 loan from Mountain View County which needs to be repaid.

McKellar said all the municipalities were aware of the increase and understand why increased requisitions are needed.

To address budgeting concerns McKellar is looking at ways of reducing operation costs.

Plans include:

*A five year business plan with projected revenue and expenditures for the next five years.

*Address debt repayment, with the additional \$4.98 per capita funding.

*Implement an operational cost saving plan.

"We hope the \$4.98 extra funding will not be needed the entire five years but it would be premature to speculate on that right now," said McKellar.

He said the cost saving plan will involve utilizing the operational manager, Paramedic Nick Thain, in a supervisory role as well as manning a peak-time ambulance which has now been upgraded from BLS to ALS. The peak time ambulance operates from Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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photo by Richard Westlund

On duty ...

Darren Schmidt, 11, Jesse Schmidt, 10, and Timothy Schmidt, 8, scrape snow off the front walk of Home Based Books in Didsbury. The three have started their own business and have scooped up quite a few contracts among Didsbury's business owners. See page 14 for the complete story.

County sets aside land for Fire Authority

by Richard Westlund

Mountain View County will set aside an approximate 4.5 acres of land for the Didsbury and District Fire Authority for the prospect of a new fire hall in Didsbury.

A motion was unanimously carried by County Council last week that will set aside a parcel of land, as requested by the Fire Authority, for expansion in the future.

The Fire Authority recently completed a study to determine what should be included in a new fire hall and where the new building should be located.

Five possible sites for the fire hall were identified for the new building, the top choice being Highway 582 and 19th Street - the Agricultural Society site, which is owned by the County.

The second choice is

Highway 582 and 25th Avenue, which is situated on the east side of the RCMP detachment and is owned by the Town of Didsbury.

The Authority recommended that both of the sites be set aside by the respective municipalities and held for the new Emergency Services Building until a decision is made as to which site is most suitable and how the facility will be built

and cost-shared.

Details such as development costs, site, capital sharing agreement and whether or not to include the regional ambulance service in the plans for a new building will be discussed over the next four years.

The new fire hall has been briefly discussed between the County and the Town of Didsbury at one of their Municipal Discussion Group meetings.



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New billing system for water means higher rates

Didsburians will still pay less than Carstairs and Olds for water.

by Richard Westlund

The Town of Didsbury is changing the way it will charge its residents for water.

In the past Didsburians would pay a flat rate of \$4.50 per month and \$0.90 for the first 1,500 gallons of water used. A formula which charged for water in different increment amounts after 1,500 gallons was used to determine the bill amount.

In an effort to simplify the billing process, the Town at their last regular Council meeting voted in favour of changing

the procedure.

Residents will pay an administration fee of \$6.00 and a flat rate of \$5 for every 1,000 gallons used.

The result of the change means Didsburians will be paying more for their water.

"Basically with the old rate the first 1,500 gallons was being given away with a charge of only \$0.90," said John Levasseur, Director of Operational Services. "It is becoming expensive to do this and we must recoup the costs of buying water from the water treatment plant.

"The Town of Didsbury pays for its water from the Anthony Henday Water Treatment Plant. This cost is then passed on to the consumer," said Levasseur.

The price of 1,500 gallons of water used in a month jumps from \$5.40 to \$13.50. Three thousand gallons jumps from \$14.70 to \$21. Six thousand gallons jumps from \$34.30 to \$36.

The rates will remain lower than those charged by neighbouring municipalities, Carstairs and Olds.

Olds charges \$15.44 for a 1,500 gallon month and Car-

stairs charges \$17.02.

Waste collection rates also rising

Meanwhile Levasseur said the reason waste collection rates are going up is because of an increased cost in hauling the waste out of the region.

Because the Didsbury landfill is being closed rates will rise as garbage needs to be hauled out of the region.

Garbage will be hauled to Olds after April 1 where it will be weighed and a tipping fee will be charged on the waste.

The rate change was approved by Town Council at

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their last regular Council meeting to \$11.25 per month. Previously residents were charged \$7.90 per month for single family dwellings and \$9.70 per month per unit for multiple dwellings.

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Thain is now viewed as a working manager rather than an administrator.

Where he was once used on the peak-time ambulance a split of 60/40 per cent of his shift, he will now be expected to cover it a split of 80/20 per cent. McKellar said reasons for funding shortfalls could be that the ambulance commission, who first projected costs, based that number on the information available in 2000, "but did they have all the information?" McKellar asked.

He explained that user rates are very complex, call volume is never predictable and the demographics are difficult to determine.

Now that MVRES has been in operation for a year these variables will be easier to predict, also a new census is expected to provide a more ac-

curate account of what revenue and expenses will be.

An annual report will be ready for release mid-April.

McKellar also plans to review transfer agreements with the two health regions in which they operate, Health Authority #5 and the David Thompson Health Region.

Sundre and District EMS Society has also asked to renew their current contract to be the ambulance provider for the Sundre area.

The Ambulance Service Finance Committee will meet March 7 to discuss their contract.

Sundre and District EMS Society is also expected to request the same increases.

"Sundre upgraded to a

paramedic service about the same time as the new regional service, so there were a few unknowns as what our expenses would be as well," said Larry Gratton, manager of Sundre and District EMS Society.

Sundre was committed to matching the level of service provided with the rest of the county.

"In order to do that we had to increase staffing and adopted the same schedule," said Gratton.

Sundre and District EMS Society will also be asking for the extra \$4.98 per capita (based on approximately 6,000 people in the area they serve) to address replacement costs of newer ambulances other

capital items needed for the upgrades.

MVRES and Sundre are also involved in a region wide emergency communications enhancement project that will also be drawing funds from the increases.

"In terms of what you get for your money in Sundre is you basically get two units, one ALS and one basic life support (BLS), on duty 24 hours a day. ALS is the primary response unit and BLS which is on call," said Gratton.

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SALT LAKE OLYMPIANS

Just another rodeo for most Olympic competitors

by Barry Williams

Despite the hype surrounding the 2002 Olympiad Command Performance Rodeo held in Farmington, Utah, it was just another rodeo for most competitors.

The Olympiad Command Performance Rodeo was part of the heritage and cultural fair at the 2002 Olympic Winter Games held recently in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Three time Canadian Professional Rodeo Association bare back riding champion, Bill Boyd, of Olds AB, treated the event like he would have any other rodeo on the Professional Rodeo Cowboys' Association circuit. Get there in time to ride your mount and always ride to the best of your ability.

"To me it was like any other rodeo I have attended over the years," said Boyd.

"The objective was to go there and do your best," he added, indicating the challenge between the Canadian and

American competitors was intense but friendly.

According to Boyd, the Olympic Rodeo contestants from each country consisted of World champions, Canadian champions and cowboys who won last year's major rodeos on the circuit like the Calgary Stampede. They were competing on the world's best and rankest stock from the best stock brokers in North America.

Although the cowboys were riding, roping and wrestling for bragging rights between the two countries, the Olympic Rodeo had a little more flare and meant more to the contestants simply because they were competing for their country in an unofficial Olympic event.

"The rodeo was definitely as competitive as others even though we were not competing for PRCA money for the World standings," added Boyd, indicating all participants were proud to represent their country.

"There was a sense of Canadian pride when I took out my first mount," said Boyd.

This was the second time the PRCA staged an Olympic challenge between the two countries in an Olympic year and Boyd believes the event could become a regular fixture when the Olympics are held in North America again.

He also feels the challenge could be strengthened to include Australia and New Zealand cowboys who are participating on the rodeo scene in North America.

"I'm not the only cowboy who wants the Aussies and New Zealanders to become a part of this," he said.

"Actually, I think it would strengthen the merit of the sport to make it a true global challenge," he added, noting there are not as many Australians participating in the timed events.

"Over the years, the cowboys from down under have become very good roughstock

competitors and they are as good as any North American or Canadian cowboys in the timed events," explained Boyd.

Winning a medal for Team Canada at the 2002 Olympiad Rodeo would have made Boyd proud to be a true Canadian cowboy, but having the opportunity to compete at the event was an honor and privilege he will never forget.

"Everyone representing Canada at these Games, whether they were a professional or an amateur athlete wanted to make Canada proud by performing to the best of their ability," said Boyd, who has competed at 19 consecutive Canadian Finals Rodeo.

Most of the fans watching the five major events, of bareback riding, saddle bronc riding, bull riding, calf roping and steer wrestling along with ladies' barrel racing and team roping had never witnessed a rodeo.

"Besides the challenges of riding our mounts, we had to

teach these people about the event and the sport by having sound technical rides also," noted Boyd, indicating the expert analysis of rodeo announcer Bob Tallman helped the newer fans understand what was going on during the ride, the roping of the calf, the wrestling of the steer and the busting of the bulls.

"Certainly I enjoyed this type of rodeo and was proud and honored to represent my country," noted Boyd.

"I guess the only thing missing from my trip down there was an Olympic medal and more winnings to pay for it," concluded Boyd.

Boyd finished fourth in the three go-around average. Olympic medals were awarded to the top three average winners in each event.

"I had fun down there and although we were not directly involved with the official Canadian Olympians, I was a member of Team Canada and darn proud of it," concluded Boyd.

Public assistance sought in post-office break-ins

Officials are asking for public assistance to catch those responsible for recent post-office break-ins including one that occurred in Didsbury.

Canada Post Corporation and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police are requesting the assistance of the public in stopping a recent series of break and enters in several rural communities including: Cardston, Bentley, Alix, Blackfalds, Carmangay, Nobleford, Barons, Lundbreck, Standard, and Didsbury.

Since early January 2002, almost 30 post offices in Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba have been broken into, resulting in losses of postal products, damage to property and theft of mail.

This series of break and enters is a very serious concern to Canada Post. "It is important that these crimes be brought to a halt," says Canada Posts Manager of Corporate Security Max Bailey. We are concerned for our customers, our employees and for the uninterrupted flow of the mail. Assistance from anyone who may have information about these crimes would be greatly appreciated. Anyone with information about any postal crime is asked to contact CRIME STOPPERS at 1-800-222-8477, the nearest RCMP detachment, or their local police.

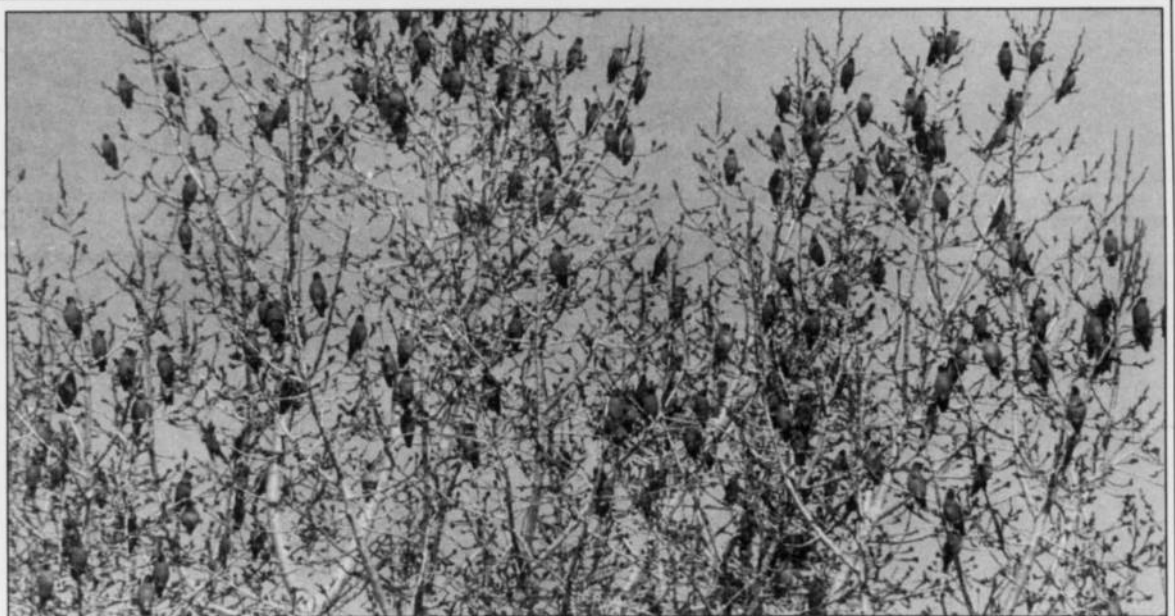


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Friends of a feather ...

With warm temperatures on the weekend many creatures were out an about taking a break from the chill. That break was not expected to last long as colder temperatures were expected to move in this week.

Carstairs truck driver will hear verdict in April

by Dan Singleton

The trial of a Carstairs truck driver charged following the death of a 78-year-old woman in a highway crash last summer was wrapped up in Didsbury provincial court.

Christopher Van Arnam is charged with careless driving and attempting to pass when unsafe to do so. His two-hour trial was held before Judge McDonald on Feb. 25.

Mrs. Patricia Wiebe, 78, was a passenger in an Oldsmobile car involved in two-vehicle accident at the junction of Hwy 580 and rural route 2.05 west of Carstairs on June 11, 2001.

The accused testified he was following the Oldsmobile west-

bound on Hwy 580 when the car slowed as it approached the rural route.

He said he attempted to slow his three-axle freight liner tandem truck, but realizing he was about to rear-end the vehicle, he decided to pass on the left.

"I realized I wasn't going to be able to stop," Van Arnam testified.

"I thought that going past her was the safest way out. I saw one flash of the signal before her tail-lights disappeared under the hood."

The Olds was at a 45 degree angle to the highway when it was struck on the driver's side, RCMP crash examination expert Bruce MacBean testified.

Wiebe died at the scene. The

driver and the accused received non-life threatening injuries.

Crown prosecutor Danny Elliott asked the accused if he was following too closely.

"You hadn't left enough space to get stopped, right?" said Elliott.

"Yes," the accused replied.

"It was particularly unlucky for a lot of people that you made the decision to pass on the left," said Elliott. "You should have been leaving more space to stop or been going slower."

Janelle Sharon Taylor, the driver of the Oldsmobile, testified she was driving Wiebe home after taking the woman to visit her husband in Didsbury when the accident occurred at about 4 p.m.

She said she could not remember whether she signaled to turn or not.

"It's my habit to signal," said Taylor. "I would not have turned if I did not think it was safe."

Truck driver Todd Shoemaker testified he was northbound on the rural route coming towards Hwy 580 when he witnessed the crash.

"It happened right in front of me," Shoemaker said, adding he did not notice whether the Olds was signaling or not.

Following closing arguments by defence and the Crown, the matter was adjourned until April 24 when Judge McDonald is expected to make his ruling.

OPINIONS EDITORIAL

Bantam provincials



RICHARD WESTLUND
EDITORIAL

This weekend the bantam provincials will hit Didsbury and local hockey players will get a chance to match their skills against the best in the province.

Starting Friday, hockey games will be played at the Didsbury Memorial Arena, and months of work will finally culminate into an event that should bring the community together.

Going back to my minor hockey days I remember going through the provincial playoffs each year and how excited our team would get as we progressed through each round. The teams I played on only made the provincial tournament once and I remember how big of a deal that was.

We threw our heads for the tournament - kind of a team-togetherness statement and had the time of our lives. Even though it took months for the hair to return and the tournament was finished in a matter of days, I didn't mind fighting through the rest of the winter without hair. The story now is just part of the entire experience. And hair grows back anyways.

I went on to play a few more years of hockey, and enjoyed those as well, but the provincials are a memory that still puts a smile on my face.

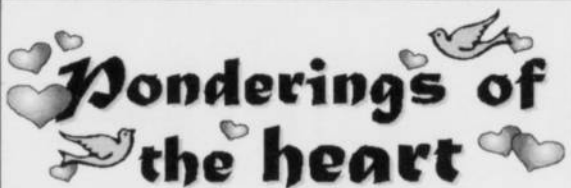
For many of the players competing in the tournament this weekend, this will be the best hockey they will play and this tournament is likely to be a highlight in their Minor Hockey careers.

This is a chance for our town to show these players from all eight teams that we support hockey in our country and that we support them in their dreams.

If the Olympics have taught us anything, it is that hockey is our sport and that it can bring us together.

Didsbury will play their first game on Friday at 10:30 a.m. and the Opening Ceremonies will be held at 6 p.m. later on Friday. The local squad will take to the ice again immediately following the ceremonies.

The community has already come together for this event. Businesses have come forward with donations and volunteers have put their names down to run the event. Now it is just a matter of seeing it through to the end.



Eat Momma Eat!!!

by Margaret Fradley

Sometime ago we went to visit our daughter and family. What a joy to see their youngsters age 2 1/2 and 10 months.

Our two and a half year old grandson knows that one of the rules are he can have no dessert until he has eaten up his dinner.

One supper time when we were there, he was struggling and finally said, "I'm done" and pushed his plate away.

His Daddy reminded him that there was no dessert and added "Momma brought a pie" - our grandson's mother is 'Mommie' and I am 'Momma'. His little eyes lit up, his whole countenance changed. He loves pie and asked his Daddy if he would help him finish his supper. "Yes" Daddy could do that.

Now in order to encourage him. I pretended I could not finish my supper either.

Finally, the wee lad was done and I tried to make a sad face, saying "Oh dear, maybe Momma won't get any pie!" He got a sad little look on his face then loudly proclaimed - "Eat Momma Eat!!!" This dear wee soul wanted Momma to get some pie.

Although we all had a good laugh, it was very evident this little soul cared, how blessed we are.



FROM THE MP'S OFFICE

Liberals ram through huge \$2.2 billion air tax

"The Liberal government has rammed a \$2.2 billion tax hike on air travellers through the House of Commons Finance Committee this week, ignoring universal opposition from every witness that appeared before the committee," said Myron Thompson, Member of Parliament for Wild Rose.

"The Liberals were unwilling to accept constructive amendments to this potentially devastating tax on air travel.

"They just don't care that every major group in the travel industry has said that the tax will penalize short-haul travellers and airlines, hurt an already weak tourism industry and do little for security," stated Thompson.

The Canadian Alliance offered a number of constructive amendments including:

- Lowering the flat \$24 tax to a level comparable with that charged in the United States;

- Introducing a progressive tax, charging passengers a percentage of the ticket price rather than a flat tax; Exempting certain airports in small communities, like Churchill Falls (population 717), from the tax in order to save their airline services; Ensuring that the tax revenue collected from a local airport is not greater than 50% of the operating budget of the airport. (some airports like Saskatoon and Charlottetown

could collect more in taxes from travellers than it costs to run their entire airports); Requiring an annual tabling of the new Air Security Authority's budget and strategic plan in Parliament;

- Calling for a sunset clause.

"If anyone believed that the tax and spend Liberals were taking a break, think again. This government has increased spending by a massive 9.3% and is raising taxes by over \$2.5 billion in 2002. It amazes me that the Liberals are looking for even more tax revenues. They are willing to risk competition in the air industry and jeopardize service to smaller centres by raising tax revenue from an already hurting industry," concluded Thompson.

LIBERALS ENDANGER ENDANGERED SPECIES

Myron Thompson, Member of Parliament for Wild Rose, summed up progress on Bill C-5, the Species at Risk Act, when he said, "The government has created a bill which will provide no formula for compensation and will hold farmers, ranchers and industry users of the land guilty until proven innocent for the destruction of an endangered species or its habitat."

For the last two weeks the House of Commons has been dealing with Report Stage of the Species at Risk Act. There

are 130 amendments that have been divided into 5 groupings. The Canadian Alliance has proposed amendments that would make the legislation more fair to all stakeholders and would pre-empt legal challenges to the Act.

"Its unfortunate but with this legislation there will not be full cooperation because there is no compensation for landowners and resource users. Without full cooperation, species across Canada will suffer. The Canadian Alliance has fought very hard for fair and reasonable compensation, but in the end the Liberals just don't understand," said Thompson.

"In addition, the Alliance argued that those who accidentally kill a species, its residence or its habitat must not be liable for prosecution. Liability should be reserved for "intentional" trespass against the act. Once again the Liberals have rejected this argument and the Alliance believes the species will be worse off because of it," stated Thompson.

"Under this proposed legislation the Minister of Environment retains too many discretionary powers and his 'trust me' attitude will guarantee failure similar to that suffered by comparable legislation in the United States," stated Thompson.



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Tax evasion is the real oldest profession - Robinson

The T4 and T5 slips should have arrived and maybe you're just waiting for that last \$25 charitable receipt. Completing your tax return is like a shared misery. So you take solace knowing that other folks are doing the same thing ... or are they?

According to a new study from the Canadian Tax Foundation, this may not be the case. The underground economy is now estimated to be \$130 billion or 16% of Canada's GDP. This represents a combined \$44 billion revenue loss for all levels of government. From tradespeople working for cash under the table to undeclared babysitting income to blatant and illegal tax evasion, the underground economy is flourishing.

Sadly, this is not new. Looking through the course of his-

tory, a strong case can be made that tax evasion is actually the world's oldest profession, not the other activity more commonly thought of in this context. To be clear, the CTF does not condone tax evasion. However, the CTF does support tax avoidance through all legal means (de: maxing out RRSP contributions, income splitting if possible, spousal RRSs, charitable tax credits, etc.), as such behaviour is economically rational.

Yet it is quite obvious why the underground economy is flourishing. This one's a no brainer: taxes are too high. And a new paper from Ottawa based economic forecasting firm DRI-WEFA reinforces this point. In 1996, government revenues from taxes accounted for 41.1% of GDP. In 2001, the figure is down only slightly, at 40.1%.

On budget day last December, we noted that federal personal income taxes (FPIT) as a percent of GDP had actually increased during the Liberal mandate. In 1993, FPIT represented 7.34% of GDP, as of the last budget this number had climbed to 7.40%.

As historian Charles Adams noted in his seminal book *For Good and Evil*, "as taxes increase, evasion increases. Once tax evasion becomes deep rooted, it is almost impossible to root it out."

He states that "people tend to resist heavy taxation in the following ways: first, lawful avoidance; second, if avoidance fails, then either evasion or flight to avoid tax; third, rebellion; and finally, when there is no other alternative, they have accepted serfdom when it offered the only relief for outra-

geous taxation."

Hmm serfdom, kind of sounds like our present federal political malaise, doesn't it? But alas, we digress. Canadians will never see a Boston Tea Party, but with 16% of economic activity clandestinely conducted, it is safe to say that more than a few upstanding citizens are part of this mix, it's not just confined to society's unsavoury elements.

The issue here is value for taxes paid.

Oliver Wendell Holmes was right when he said that taxes are the price we pay for a civilized society.

But a civilized society must show respect for those who pay the freight by providing excellent, needed and focused public services as opposed to the current all-you-can eat buffet approach to government.

Twenty-four cents out of each federal revenue dollar still goes to pay debt interest courtesy of Mr. Trudeau and ALL his successors.

Portions of the remaining 76 cents are still funnelled to corporate welfare and regional development agencies (\$4 billion), questionable multiculturalism initiatives and discretionary schemes at HRDC and other departments (\$9 billion).

But we shouldn't be surprised, the feds continue to mislead us on corporate welfare repayments and the list of broken Liberal promises keeps on growing.

Adams' notes: "Historically the conscience of tax makers has often been like Swiss cheese - full of holes; when that happens, the conscience of taxpayers is also like Swiss cheese."

- Walter Robinson

FROM THE MAILBAG

Teachers are only people who are being fleeced like us all

Dear Editor,

The present situation of our school teachers is only a symptom of deeper trouble in Alberta. As these people have a visible tool to get more compensation it does not mean they are selfish but it is only that they have recognized a problem to deal with.

When Mr. Chretien and Mr. Mulroney and Ralph Klein allowed us to be duped into the North America Free Trade Agreement they basically made our resources available to the world at the price of a Canadian Dollar. I say the world because if anyone thinks when resources cross the Canadian border there is any way we have any control over them by any agreement then please contact me immediately for shares in my diamond mine at Manyberries, as soon as possible. I believe that almost as soon as the ink was dry the

bankers pegged our dollar at 67¢ so their corporations could scoop Canada at fire sale prices. Ralph would have had to be in on this because resources fall in the constitution under provincial control and he said or did nothing.

As the dollar is now 63¢ our industry, resources, land, children, underwear and gold teeth are available to multi-national corporations at straight theft prices. The result is that almost everything we now purchase is manufactured out of Canada and it takes more pegged dollars every month. The plastic cars and trucks are going up even as the crosses are burning on lawns of Prince George. Our gas to us went up to 26¢ a gallon the other day but of course we know there is no collusion because our Supreme Court can't find any. Sort of like no evidence, no crime. Our farmers wheat sold for 32¢ a

bushel in 1933 and bread was 5¢ a loaf. You could make 50 loaves out of one bushel. Now bread is a dollar a loaf and the price of a bushel is \$3.50 but at depression prices it should be 20 times 32 or \$6.40 a bushel but our government has pegged the price through the Wheat board, cheating the farmers but also making sure we have no money circulating in Western Canada. A dollar spent by a farmer circulates seven times through our economy, if he had

one. In Sec. 457 of the 1991 bank act the right to print any amount of dollars with no fractional reserve was given to the Canadian Bankers Assoc. and the chartered banks.

That's right, any amount of currency with nothing to back it. The Captain Marvels of our Parliament on 6 June, 1913 took the right of creation of money and turns it over to these people. As the interest on this borrowed money multiplies exponentially we or rather I

should say our governments must bring in more taxes to steal our wealth from us to give to the bankers as interest on the money we owe which the Government has the right and duty to print in Sec. 91 of our constitution. Teachers are only people who are trying to keep up with the fleecing the Banks and the Federal Government and the Provincial Government are giving us through super inflation and skulduggery.

Dennis Combs

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TOWN OF DIDSBURY PUBLIC MEETINGS

- Regular Council: March 27, 2002 • Corporate Services: March 12, 2002
- MPC: March 20, 2002 • Community Services: March 26, 2002

NEW DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPLICATIONS

- The following Development Permits have been issued for the following proposed developments:
- DP 13-02 1522-19 Avenue Side yard relaxation of existing dwelling R2
 - DP 14-02 38 Southridge Crescent Basement Suite R2
 - DP 16-02 1032-23 Street Addition UR
- Further information may be obtained at the Town Office, 2037 - 19 Ave. or by calling 335-3391. Persons wishing to appeal any of these decisions must do so in writing to the secretary, Development Appeal Board, prior to 4:30 p.m. on March 20, 2002. Robert Wigg - Development Officer.

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The TOWN OF DIDSBURY'S current exclusive contract with Canadian Waste for COMMERCIAL WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES Expires MARCH 31, 2002

As of April 1, 2002 it is the responsibility of each individual business in Didsbury to arrange for waste collection services.

It is imperative that arrangements be made with one of the following service providers in order to ensure continued service beyond April 1, 2002.

Potential waste collection service providers are as follows:

- Canadian Waste 403-343-8844
- Mountain View Regional Waste 403-335-2005
- Management Commission
- Carstairs Waste Control 403-337-2870
- SCA Waste 403-556-3123
- A&R Waste Removal 403-946-5463

The following service providers are for large roll-off containers:

- Canadian Waste 403-343-8844
- Z-Best 403-341-4104

*This is not intended to be a complete list of providers

NEWS

COURT DECISION

Deitsch not criminally negligent in traffic fatality

by Theresa Smith

Jason Deitsch is a free man following a Calgary Queen's Bench court ruling on Mar. 1.

Deitsch, 19, from Didsbury, was charged with dangerous driving causing death in connection with the death of Henry Mah, 38, from Carstairs, a Calgary Police Officer.

Mah was killed on Dec. 4, 2000 when his and Deitsch's vehicles, collided head-on, on Highway 2A south of Carstairs.

The trial revealed Deitsch was distracted by quaders driving in the ditch. His car drifted into the south-bound lane and into the path

of Mah's car.

"Mr. Deitsch made the mistake of not slowing down," said Justice Mahoney. He said that while Deitsch may have been negligent on a civil standard he was not criminally negligent.

Justice Mahoney declared Deitsch not guilty and dropped the charges.

Tears flowed freely as Deitsch and his family left the courtroom.

Although Deitsch would not comment, his lawyer, Allan Low said, "Obviously I'm pleased...It's always nice to be successful for

your client."

He said the fact there were no aggravating factors such as drugs or alcohol was a big consideration in the case.

Since the car crash, Deitsch stopped work for a number of months due to injuries he received. He has since taken a job at a grocery store but has plans for the future including schooling and getting married.

"His life has been on hold (since the accident)," said Low. "He is now able to keep going with his life."

Crown Prosecutor David Torske said it is clear Deitsch is very remorseful.

Torske added there was evidence Mah had also seen the quaders in the ditch and had made attempts to avoid hitting them. Unable to go into the ditch, Mah may not have been able to respond to the threat posed by Deitsch's car.

"I think he's a hero," Torske says of Mah.

Mah's widow agrees. Tracey Mah-Gillies said her husband had been a hunter and had a keen eye for details. She feels

there is no way he didn't see the quaders in the ditch and that he would have done whatever he could to avoid them.

Tracey is glad the trial is over but feels it was important.

"It was something that we all had to do to get closure," she said. Tracey added the trial answered questions about what happened that night which was important for both families.

She went on to describe what her husband was like.

"Henry was so full of

joy," she said. "He was important to a lot of people."

Even though the death of Henry is tragic to his family and those who knew him, there were some good things to come out of it.

"A year later I look at the gifts Henry has left," said Tracey.

She said his organs, which were donated, went to help people in need. She also said the family has many happy memories of Henry.

Henry is also survived by two daughters - Tavia, 11, and Kierey, 9.

Fastball passion leads to United States scholarship

by Barry Williams

Melanie Denischuk is passionate about fastball.

This love for the game has inspired the Carstairs resident to become one of the best Midget Girls' pitchers in the province and her talent on the mound attracted the interest of National Collegiate Athletic Association scouts from Seminole State in Oklahoma, where she was awarded a full two year scholarship just recently.

Denischuk started playing minor ball in Carstairs several years ago and ever since she first tossed a softball her career has steadily progressed.

After playing in Carstairs, Denischuk came to Olds and played two seasons with the Olds Pistols, coached by Peter Overwater. For the past two years, Denischuk has played Midget A fastball with the Red Deer Sliders. As her minor ball career progressed she was afforded the opportunity to play against some of the best teams in Canada.

The modest young lady was a member of the Pistols when they went to the Western Canadian Championship and the Alberta provincials. Last year, Denischuk had the opportunity to play in the National Midget A Championships, when she was picked up by the Sherwood Park Belles.

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Teachers remain in school despite court ruling

by Dan Singleton

Teachers in Chinook's Edge school division remained in classes Monday afternoon, despite a Queen's Bench ruling striking down a government order that ended a province-wide strike.

How long the teachers will remain in schools remains uncertain.

In a ruling on Friday, Justice Allan Wachowich said the province failed to provide enough evidence of a public emergency when it issued the order on Feb. 21.

"It is inconceivable to me that after only 24 or 48 hours of strike, the lieutenant governor in council could reasonably be of the opinion that the statutory condition precedent was met," Wachowich said.

"The very purpose of a strike is to cause some hardship in order to raise the issues being contested and to pressure the other side into making concessions. If a strike did not cause some degree of hardship, it would be pointless."

The judge issued a temporary stay keeping teachers in class until at least Monday at 12 p.m.

Chinook's Edge includes schools in Sundre, Olds, Didsbury and Carstairs. There are more than 11,000 students in the division.

Teachers in 22 divisions began strike action on Feb. 4 and returned to schools on Feb. 25.

The teachers are asking for wage increases, changes in classroom conditions, and incentives to attract new teachers and retain current teachers.

The province has offered teachers a six per cent raise over two years.

The Alberta Teachers Association (ATA) has said it will give the province 72 hours before resuming any strike action.

ATA president Larry Booi is expected to meet with Premier Ralph Klein this week to discuss the situation. The provincial cabinet was also meeting this week to review the matter.

"I can't negotiate a settlement to the teachers' dispute, but I'm willing to meet with Mr. Booi as he has requested and see if we can develop some options to bring the dispute to an end," said Klein. "Achieving that goal is the priority for government."

ATA local #17 president Bob Worsfold confirmed teachers will give at least 72 hours notice before walking out.

"We have given the assurance that we won't go back on strike until we meet with Ralph," said

Worsfold. "It's wait and see. We're hoping to discuss the underlying issues of the strike, and possibly get the government to get involved because we see them as provincial issues."

"We've said all along that the government is going to have to infuse some money."

The province could introduce legislation stripping the teachers of their right to strike, effectively ending any future legal walkout possibilities.

Teachers don't want the province to take away their right to strike, said Worsfold.

Following Friday's court ruling, ATA president Booi called for meetings between the teach-

ers' union and the province.

"I am asking all teachers to remain with their students in their classrooms in order to allow these next steps to proceed," Booi said.

"Teachers have emerged from this strike more united and committed than ever. Their rights have been exercised responsibly and confirmed by the courts. We now call upon the government to work with us to solve the underlying problems that gave rise to this dispute."

"Nothing less than the future of public education in Alberta is at stake."

The province declared a provincial emergency on Feb. 21, saying strikes

across the province had created unreasonable hardship on third parties such as parents, support staff and others.

"Thousands of students are now in jeopardy of losing their school years and with no clear end to the strike in sight, government must take action on behalf of students," Human Resource Minister Cliff Dunford said.

Dunford gave teachers and school boards until March 15 to negotiate new collective agreements on their own or with the assistance of a government appointed mediator.

If an agreement cannot be reached by the 15th, the matter was to go before a one-person

Teachers Dispute Resolution Tribunal for binding arbitration.

Meanwhile, the Chinook's Edge school division said it does not believe a settlement can be reached with its 600-plus teachers without the intervention of an outside arbitrator.

"As of today (Feb. 25), Chinook's Edge is planning to prepare for arbitration," said Ian Taylor, board vice president, trustee and spokesperson. "Unless something changes, we don't see that this board has the power to come to an agreement here. We believe a contract development under the eye of the people who know this division the best, is what's

ideal for our students. However, it is clear that with the influence of the provincial ATA and the provincial government in local negotiations, that the board and the local ATA are at a standstill."

The teachers' union local has already rejected a call by the board to conduct talks without provincial negotiators being involved.

"We're tired of negotiating with someone who doesn't want to negotiate," said Worsfold. "They need to look up the work and learn what it means. Unless the board has a change of heart we are just wasting our time. They were not willing to amend their proposal by one item."

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SOUTH WEST DIDSBURY

Area extends best wishes to injured pilots

by Mrs. Bessie Eckstrand

Sympathy of the area is extended Mrs. Bunny Burrell & family (North on Eckstrand Road) as husband & father passed away on Sunday morning in the Didsbury hospital after several years battle with cancer. A Memorial Service was held Fri. March 1st at the Didsbury Mortuary with Rev. Richard Pahl officiating. Family lunch was held at Bunny's home. Bill & Bunny purchased their acreage from "Shields" eight yrs. ago & they & family of six children enjoyed country living. Bill loved mowing his grass & having bonfires. They built a nice big garage & shop, where he worked most days, making things out of wood, & mostly giving the articles to family & neighbors. He enjoyed dropping in for coffee, joking & visiting. He will be sadly missed by his family & friends.

Birthday Club will be held March 2 at the home of Sally King, assisted by Wanda Weber.

Coffee Party at Westcott Hall was very well attended. A lovely lunch was served with decor in the Valentine Theme.

Next meeting will be held March 13th with Ona Findlay & Lucy Newsome as Hostesses. All ladies & families of the area are welcome to attend.

It isn't often we have a plane land in area farmers field - fuel shortage or trouble was the cause of the accident. Pilot & passenger were severely injured & plane fairly well wrecked. Area hopes passengers will recover soon. There was some excitement for a while on the Westcott Rd.

A little bit of snow keeps following maybe we'll get a fair bit yet. We need the run off to fill dugouts & for moisture for the grass & grain to be sown.



Capt M. Parsons, 442 Sqn SAR, CFT Comox, introduces #185 Olds Royal Canadian Air Cadets to the CH-149 Cormorant. Most of the cadets are already inside, checking out the Canadian Armed Forces' newest helicopter.

Local air cadets fly to C.F.B. Comox

On Sunday, February 3, 2002, #185 Olds R.C.A.C.S. Commanding Officer, Captain A. Sturrock, aided by Captain D. Clemens and Lieutenant J. Clemens, accompanied twenty-seven Air Cadets on a WestJet flight to Canadian Forces Base Comox. During the 2000 - 2001 Training Year, the Squadron had taken top position in the Province of Alberta, and the Citizenship Tour was their reward. Nineteen other Air Cadets, and two Officers, boarded an earlier WestJet flight to Victoria to visit C.F.B. Esquimalt. That tour will be the subject of another news story.

On arrival at C.F.B. Comox, the Cadets immediately took a liking to the weather (winter arrived the next day). Following a short bus ride, they settled into their barracks, had supper, and then headed over to the local Recreation Centre for some basketball. Monday morning, as the rain let up, but the wind continued to blow, Captain M. Parsons arrived to take the Cadets on their tour of the Base facilities. The tour began with a visit to 407 (Maritime Patrol)

Sqn where, after a short briefing, the group completed a walk-around prior to entering the Lockheed CP-140 Aurora (CC-140) aircraft. Their next visit was to 414 (Combat Support) Sqn to view the Lockheed T-33 Silver Star (CT-133) jets. It was there that the Squadron learned that the T-33 was to be retired, by the end of this March, following a long and distinguished career in the Canadian Armed Forces. Following lunch, the group visited 442 (Search and Rescue) Sqn, walking through their deHavilland DHC-5 Buffalo (CC-115) aircraft and looking over the Boeing Vertol CH-113 Labrador helicopter which Captain Parsons presently flies. The Base tour ended with the Cadets introduction to Canada's brand-new CH-149 Cormorant helicopter. However, the day was not over and, before heading off to supper, the Cadets visited the Comox Air Force Museum, located just outside the main gate. In the evening, the Cadets tied up their uniforms before enjoying two movies while they polished their boots.

Tuesday's weather didn't hold much hope as the Cadets began the day's touring with a

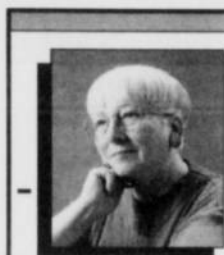
visit to 19 (Explosives Disposal) Flight which they found really interesting and fun. While they were engrossed in the tour, one officer was invited away for a short while and returned fully decked-out in a bomb disposal suit. A couple of the Cadets were able to try it on as well. The rest were busy trying to pick up a (defused) pipe bomb with the robot. Clouds were beginning to break up as the group moved on to visit the IFRCC (IFR Control Centre) to watch Air Traffic Controllers at work, prior to a tour of the Control Tower which the Cadets were all looking forward to. By this time, the skies were clearing and the sun came out to reveal a magnificent view, from the Tower, of the Comox area, the Georgia Strait, and a portion of B.C.'s "Sunshine Coast". After lunch, the Cadets were off to visit RCA Ops, the Pacific Region Glider Operation with its Schweizer 2-33 gliders and Cessna L-19 tugs. Following that visit, everyone headed to the Base Fire Hall. With the day's touring done, the Cadets had supper before returning to the Rec Centre for some swimming and then some shopping, for souvenirs, at the

Canex store.

All were up, bright and early, Wednesday morning for breakfast and check-in for the return flight to Calgary. To fill in the time before Security checks, the Cadets visited the Mark IX Spitfire Restoration project, an offshoot of the Comox Air Force Museum, located just next to the Comox Civilian Terminal. There, they earned an appreciation for the amount of work required to restore a fighter aircraft from the World War II era.

Finally, after a packed schedule of touring a Canadian Armed Forces base, the Cadets and Officers boarded their flight, following the usual entertaining antics of WestJet personnel, for the return trip to Calgary. On arrival, they joined up with the "Esquimalt" group and boarded the bus, to share their tales of adventure as they returned home.

Olds Branch #105 of the Royal Canadian Legion is the primary sponsor for the Olds Air Cadet Squadron. The Cadets parade on Thursday evenings from 6:30PM to 9:30PM from September to May at the Olds Recreation Centre.



At The Kitchen Table

by
Noreen Olson

Rebecca Emily was born December 21 1897 and died February 14 2002. I have changed the names slightly but otherwise this story is true. At the time of her death she was 104 years and 7 weeks old. She had lived in three centuries and seen unimaginable change. Her earliest memory was of her Father waking her and her siblings at midnight on a winter evening, telling them to put on their coats and come outside. "Look up at the sky," he told them, "and remember that you watched a new century begin." Her Father would never have believed that the sleepy toddler would see the next century as well. She died on Valentine's Day and her timing was superlative. Valentines Day was the perfect day for her to end her journey here on earth.

Rebecca was born in New York State but when she was six years old her family came to Canada and took a Homestead in Central Alberta. The Railroad was complete by then so they probably came out by Train. Alberta and Saskatchewan were not yet Provinces, the Boer War was on, it was about the time of the first transatlantic radio message, and the National Council of Women had been formed. We were starting to get Women Doctors and Lawyers and even Women War Correspondents. Things were improving for intelligent, independent women and Rebecca was certainly bright and independent. Education was important to her family and the children took advantage of every educational opportunity. She started school in Alberta and she met Nellie, another six year old. They must have been strong healthy children, Nellie lived to be 100 and she and Rebecca were friends for 94 years.

Rebecca had a great talent for Art. She painted beautifully and she was as pretty as one of her paintings. She trained for a teacher and had no trouble getting positions, school boards were delighted with the beautiful young woman who not only taught the basics but gave the children art and music lessons as well. She was about 21 when she met handsome and charming Gordon Russell and it wasn't long until everyone knew that they were in love. Both families were happy with the relationship and it was generally accepted that it was a match made in Heaven. After a suitable time had elapsed they announced their engagement. It would be a Summer wedding and of course Nellie would be bridesmaid. Rebecca chose a long white gown with a high neck, long sleeves, pearl buttons and lots of lace.

On a Summer afternoon, in 1921, just a week or so before the wedding, a group of young people gathered for a picnic. Girls in long pastel dresses, boys in dress pants, shirts and ties. Gordon and his good friend stood back to back with linked elbows and playfully lifted each other off their feet. The lifts got a little more competitive, pride raised its ugly head and the friend, with a mighty heave threw Gordon over his head and onto the ground. His back was broken and though they rushed him to hospital he died within a few days. Rebecca put her wedding dress away.

She did marry, and she had children but the marriage was not a happy one, and her husband, whom she had never really loved, drifted away and left her with her teaching, her art and her family. She lived on and on, she painted beautifully and sold hundreds of paintings, she won prizes and awards, had her own shows, kept a lovely home and garden. And finally she died.

Her death on Valentine's Day was the end of the story as we know it, but if there is any justice, there are, in some other dimension perhaps, songs to sing and chapters still to write. She was buried according to her instructions, next to Gordon and wearing the long white wedding dress, preserved all these long and lonely years.

by Annie Caush

Hi all -
Well, we've had a lot of mild weather so now we have winter. A good time to stay in and watch the Olympics.

Here at the Lodge we always have something going on and now we are looking forward to the Auxiliary Spring Tea. Please mark your calendar for March 26, 2 - 4 p.m. We always look forward to seeing many of our friends.

The February Birthday was held last week and we were entertained by a group of Square Dancers. It made us tired watching them but we enjoyed it very much. Thanks alot. Those celebrating Birthdays are Nina Cook, Margaret Evans, Jean Overguard and Nora Wiegand. Best wishes all.

We celebrated the Chinese New Year with a special Chinese dinner and a slide presen-

tation of life in China by Kathy Peters. Very Nice.

After the Chinese dinner the Catholic Ladies came the next week for their monthly Bingo

and on Valentine's Day a group of United Church Ladies came and called Bingo and served us a lovely lunch. Thanks so much.

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Six of the seven girls were in attendance this month. We celebrated three birthdays today. We had cake and sang Happy Birthday.

Thank -you to everyone who attended and donated at the "Bob the Beaver" Breakfast. It was greatly appreciated. We made a grand total of \$300.34. Also thank-you to the many sponsors that donated the food and to the parent volunteers that helped in the kitchen.

For more information on Zella WI Girls Club contact Joanne Braun at 335-9532.

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by Noreen Olson

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Focus on the Family



QUESTION: Why can't parents get children to obey just by explaining what they want them to do? Why is it so often necessary to punish or raise our voices to get them to cooperate? Why can't they just accept a few reasonable rules and avoid all that conflict? It just doesn't add up to me.

DR. DOBSON: After working with children for years, I'm convinced that their challenging behavior is motivated in part by the desire for power that lies deep within the human spirit. From a very early age, they just don't want anyone telling them what to do. They are also great admirers of strength and courage. Maybe this is why mythical characters like Superman, Robin Hood and Wonder Woman have been so prominent in the folklore of children.

Perhaps it is also why kids brag that "My dad can beat up your dad!" (One child said in reply, "That's nothing — my mom can beat up my dad, too!") It is a fact that most boys, and some girls, care about the issue of "who's toughest." Whenever a youngster moves into a new neighborhood or a new school district, he often has to fight, either verbally or physically, to establish himself in the hierarchy of strength.

There is usually a "top dog" in a group of children who bosses everyone else around. There is also a little defeated pup at the bottom of the heap who takes the brunt of everyone's abuse. And each child between those extremes usually knows where he or she ranks in relation to the others. I believe this admiration for power also makes children want to know how tough their leaders are. They will occasionally disobey adults for the precise purpose of testing their determination and courage.

Thus, whether you are a parent, grandparent, Boy Scout leader, bus driver, Brownie leader or a schoolteacher, I can guarantee that sooner or later, one of the children under your authority will clench his little fist and challenge your leadership.

He will convey this message by his disobedient manner: "I don't think you are tough enough to make me do what you say." The way you handle that confrontation is being watched closely by every child in the group. Your reaction will determine how soon another occurs and with what intensity it is driven.

QUESTION: My wife and I have two very strong-willed kids who are hard to handle. They seem to need to test us, and they're happiest and most contented when we are toughest on them. Why do they insist on making us growl at them and even punish them more than we'd like to?

DR. DOBSON: It is curious, isn't it, that some children seem to enjoy fighting with their parents. It's a function of the pugnacious temperament with which they are born. Many kids just like to run things and seem to enjoy picking fights.

There is another factor that is related to a child's sense of security. Let me illustrate it this way. Imagine you're driving a car over the Royal Gorge Bridge in Colorado, which is suspended hundreds of feet above the canyon floor. As a first-time traveler, you're pretty tense as you drive across.

It is a scary experience. I knew one little fellow who was so awed by the view over the side of the bridge that he said, "Wow, Daddy! If you fell off of here, it'd kill you constantly!"

Now suppose there were no guardrails on the side of the bridge. Where would you steer the car? Right down the middle of the road. Even though you don't plan to hit those protective railings along the side, you just feel more secure knowing that they're there. It's the same way with children.

There is security in defined limits. They need to know precisely what the rules are and who's available to enforce them.

Whenever a strong-willed child senses that the boundaries may have moved, or that his or her parents may have lost their nerve, the child will often precipitate a fight just to test the limits again.

Children may not admit that they want you to be the boss, but they breathe easier when you prove that you are.

UP AND DOWN THE FIREMAN'S LADDER

Budget time for the Didsbury and District Fire Association

by Tyrone Patten

Each time Marg phone's me to tell me it's time for another article I tell myself I'll have it done a week before it's due. As always, I am writing on Monday evening, less than 24 hours before deadline. I bet that's why I get writer's block so much. I'm sure I'll be better with it next month.

As I'm sure most of you are aware, it is that time of year again. What time is that? Budget time. We were recently informed that an interim budget for 2002 has been approved. This year we are looking forward to upgrading our breathing apparatus and replacing our crew-cab/command vehicle. Both of these upgrades will assist us in continuing to bring you our best service.

Another way in which we maintain our level of service to you is through training. The training board is filling up with the courses that are being offered throughout the county. One of the courses being offered is Vehicle Extrication. It will run in May and will be offered in Sundre. This course will teach us all the little tricks and techniques necessary to remove patients from their cars after an accident. Each year the new cars come out with something different that we have to be aware of in order to remove a victim in the quickest and safest manner.

In June, a Firefighter II course is being offered in Carstairs as well as a Pump A course in July. I will keep everyone informed about these events as the times draw closer.

Here in Didsbury, on February 16, about half of our members took a one day course dealing with H2S (Hydrogen sulfide), also known as gas. Since we have 2 gas plants

and a number of gas wells in our district we felt it was necessary to be trained to handle emergencies where H2S is a factor. The second half of our members will be taking this course on March 2nd.

I am happy to report that we were called only 3 times since my last report. The calls we had were as follows: 1 Ambulance assist, 1 Aircraft call, 1 Alarm, no fire.

One of our members, John Whitaker, has brought to an end his time as a Didsbury Vol-

unteer Firefighter. He will be attending the Alberta Fire Training School in Vermillion. We all wish John the very best in his upcoming educational endeavours and future career plans. As you might recall, Lee Penner went to Vermillion and was hired by the Regina Fire Department after graduation.

If anyone is interested in becoming a volunteer firefighter in Didsbury, they are more than welcome to come the fire hall on Wednesday evenings at 7:00.

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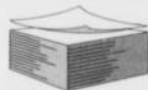
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2030-21st Ave
Phone: 335-3629
Grant Sikstrom, Senior Pastor
Jesh Muman, Associate Pastor
New Youth Pastor Colin Craghton
First Service: 8:45 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Second Service: 11:15 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Contact the Church regarding Bible studies, Care Groups, Teen Activities & Children's programs.

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8km East on Berghal Rd.
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Pastors: Youth Pastor Shane Neufeld
For more information ph. 335-4451

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1500-23rd
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Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Holy Communion 1st & 3rd Sun. 10:30 a.m.
Jr. & Senior Youth, Women's & Seniors Ministry Group, Small Group Bible Study meetings throughout the week.

St. Anthony's Catholic

2030 - 24th Ave. Didsbury Phone 556-3084
Catechism classes: Tuesdays at 3:30 p.m.
Church Social: the 3rd weekend of the month
Contact Claude Baril at 335-3842
CWL Meetings: 2nd Thursday of the month 1:00 p.m.

Mountain View Evangelical Missionary Church

(14km East of Didsbury)
Pastor John Lucas
Office: 335-4422
Home: 335-8923
Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship - 11:00 a.m.
For info. Concerning weekly activities please call the Church office.

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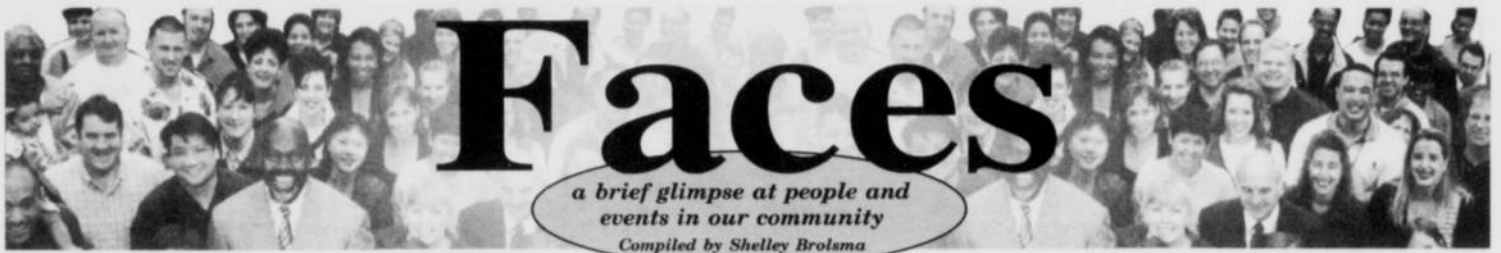
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Faces

a brief glimpse at people and events in our community
Compiled by Shelley Brolsma

"Plein Air" artist has gone full-circle - back to her Roots



Barbara Checkryn-Rivers

Barbara Checkryn-Rivers has gone full circle as an artist. Since spending a great deal of time working on the painting and finishing of her new home in Eagle Hill, the Ontario native once again has time to dedicate to painting and finishing a different life-long passion; that of watercolor art. "I have felt that I have gone the full circle, from non-representational to representational," says Rivers, who graduated from the Alberta College of

Art in 1978. But that's not the only change Rivers has made in her artistic career. A while ago she decided to join a group of artists who look for the subject matter of their work outdoors. It's a style of painting referred to as "Plein Air" and one that Rivers says suits her quite well. "Plein Air actually means painting from start to finish outside...and for the most part that is what I try to do although there aren't too many pieces that I've done

that I have actually been able to finish completely outdoors." Rivers says she's attracted to strong shapes as provided by rock formations. "Last year, I spent a week of what I call rediscovery down at Crowsnest Pass where I got into the habit of writing notes and thoughts while painting. This tool provided me with several insights regarding my work. One of the key things was to slow down and be patient, and let the piece develop."

Anyone interested in viewing the many natural landscapes Rivers paints in watercolor can do so this month at the Gilded Gallery in Didsbury. Rivers will be on hand in person during a special Meet the Artist session at the Gallery on Saturday, March 16th from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. "I currently work out of my new home studio in Eagle Hill...it's great to get back on track with exhibiting my pieces again. I hope to be doing more in the future."

Didsbury Preschool celebrates 50 years of local business

Organizers from Didsbury's Preschool Society are preparing to cook up a great celebration for this year's milestone anniversary.

In commemoration of their 25th year in operation, the group has decided to appeal to past and present students, teachers and affiliates for recipes to include in their silver anniversary cookbook.

With the majority of "graduates" now entering into their mid-twenties, President Jody Lee is hopeful the

selection of entries will be vast.

"These are bound to be quite diversified...there's no real category set. All we require is that those who wish to have their recipes in the book write their name and the year they attended next to the recipe. The service is free of charge."

Lee is targeting Mother's Day for the release of the 25th Anniversary Recipe Book, with proceeds going directly toward publishing costs. "We

aren't looking to make any money off of this - just break even. We just thought it would be a nice keepsake to have on sale for people to remember us by..."

Didsbury's Preschool Society was first formed by a group of mothers interested in furthering their child's early educational and social interests.

"They ran the first classes out of their homes," Lee remarks. One year later (1979) the group became incorpo-

rated and moved to a portable trailer by the old swimming pool facility. "They stayed there until September of '83 when they moved to the location they currently at (along 18th avenue)".

Didsbury's Preschool Society offers open registration year-round on Mondays and Wednesdays, either morning or afternoon.

Anyone interested in submitting a recipe or registering their child for preschool can call 335-8779.



Jody Lee

Kick up your heels Maritime-Style at Lone Pine Hall



Calvin Watson

It will be no problem keeping warm this weekend at the Lone Pine Hall.

Members of the Agricultural Society there are guaranteeing nothing but warm toes and good company as area residents kick up their heels on the dance floor at the 2nd annual Maritime Night dance this Saturday, March 9th.

"It all started when someone from our Board - who used to live in the Maritimes - offered to make up a big vat of this great soup recipe she had...and it all just kind of blossomed from there," explains Lone Pine Ag Society President, Calvin Watson.

And so was born what is now referred to as "Maritime Night", an annual March tra-

dition held at the hall located just west and south of Didsbury.

But authentic clam chowder is just one of the prominent features in store that evening. Back by popular request to this year's event will be the musical and comical talents of Bob Shortt who specializes in maritime and Celtic music.

"This is a very popular dance," says Watson. "...Last year tickets sold out before the night of the event." Anyone interested in purchasing a ticket to this year's Maritime Night event is encouraged to call 335-2350 or 337-2212.

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AROUND THE CIRCLE

Opening ceremonies for bantam provincials go Friday

by Marge St. Clair

Thurs. Mar. 7

Brown Bag Theatre at the Didsbury Library featuring Alaska and New Zealand starting at 12:00 noon sharp.

Fri. Mar. 8

The Annual King's Kettle Banquet is being held at the Ramada Crowchild Inn in Calgary starting at 6:30 p.m. Phone Merle Dippel at 335-4587 for tickets.

Fri. Mar. 8

The opening ceremonies for the Bantam "B" Provincial Hockey Tournament will be held at the Didsbury Arena at 7:00 p.m. Everyone welcome.

Sat. Mar. 9

The Didsbury Museum is presenting the First Annual Family Night at the Elks Hall at 6:00 p.m. Banquet and entertainment provided, door prizes and a pie auction. Tickets from Penny 335-4372, Denise at 335-9359 and Marg 335-4245. This is to be a fun night for family members of all ages.

Mon. Mar. 11

The Annual meeting of the Didsbury Lifeline Society will be held at 10:00 a.m. at the Town Office. If you are interested in the Lifeline, please feel welcome to attend.

Mon. Mar. 11

The Chamber of Commerce monthly meeting will be at the Didsbury Inn Lounge, come

and order supper at 6:30 p.m., the meeting starts at 7:00 p.m.

Tues. Mar. 12

The Redeemer Lutheran Church is the setting for the Mountain View Christian Women's Club Breakfast from 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Featuring Jeanette Oke, also a special speaker and music. Please phone Debbie Swanson 337-2487 for rides or reservations.

Wed. Mar. 13

The ham is supplied for the Pot Luck dinner at the 5-0 Centre at 12:30 p.m. Bring your favorite casseroles, salad or dessert and enjoy!!

Thurs. Mar. 14

Brown Bag Theatre at the Didsbury Library at 12:00 noon sharp. Over Ireland - Soar over famous landmarks from Cliffs of Moher to the Giant's Causeway, view the country by its famed 4 provinces.

Sat. Mar. 16

St. Cyprian's Anglican Church is holding an Irish

Stew supper at the church Hall with two sittings at 5:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m. Tickets at the door, everyone welcome.

Sat. Mar. 16

The Didsbury/Carstairs chapter of Ducks Unlimited is having a Banquet and Auction at the MP Room at the Didsbury Complex at 6:00 p.m. Please phone Grant 335-2387 or Ken 337-3545 for tickets and all the details.

Sun. Mar. 17

The Rosebud Community is holding the Annual Ham Dinner from 12 p.m. - 3 p.m. at the Rosebud Community Hall located 1 mile North of the 4 way stop on Highway 2A. Everyone welcome.

Calling all young ladies aged 14 to 18 yrs. The Miss Carstairs Rodeo Queen and Princess is an open competition from Mar. 1 to April 8. Applications are available at Didsbury Photo (on main street by the Treasury Branch) or by

phoning Liz at 337-5854 (evenings).

The building on main street by the Royal Bank which formerly housed Sears & Flowers & Fun is now the home of C &

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Ambulance service says province should play bigger role

by Carla Victor

Mountain View Regional Emergency Services' (MVRES) Executive Director Lyle McKellar and Sundre and District EMS Manager Larry Gratton join ambulance providers across the province to lobby the provincial government to take more responsibility for ambulance services.

Right now ambulance services are viewed as protective rather than an essential health service which McKellar and Gratton say is how people really view them.

"How do you view your ambulance?" McKellar asked.

"Do you think we are like the fire department as a protective and preventative program or a part of the health care system as a reactive emergency medical provider?"

McKellar's point is that most people see their ambulance service as a health service.

"Most of the time when we pick up a patient with no third party coverage (Alberta Blue Cross or extended health insurance plan) they say, 'doesn't Alberta Health Care cover this?'"

Ambulance services are not considered an Alberta Health Care covered service.

"When people want us they want us now," said McKellar. "They have an expectation comparable to an emergency department, they expect services immediately."

Presently ambulance services are the responsibility of municipalities.

Alberta Health and Wellness is responsible for licensing and regulating ambulance services but they do not contribute financially to providing it.

Ambulance service providers want their service to be recognized as a true part of health care service and not solely the financial responsibility of the municipality.

"I think the municipality should have a part in what the delivery of that service should be, such as level of service to be offered, basic life support (BLS) or advanced life support (ALS), but the provincial government should share some of the financial responsibilities," said McKellar.

McKellar said the government continues to tell people they subsidize ambulance services but it isn't enough.

"Yes the government does pay a fee for seniors and other government benefit programs but those fees don't meet the cost of operating an ambulance service," he said.

MVRES office manager Cindy Roberts says the discrepancies in funding are very frustrating.

The provincial government determines their funding by what type of call it is and the number of kilometres traveled.

Roberts estimates the government will pay \$202 for an in town call, for a person covered by social services or a senior. The true cost is estimated at more than \$400.



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Life of lawnbowling ...

Ervin Scott, one of the founders of the Didsbury Lawnbowling Association, celebrated his 94th birthday at the clubhouse last Wednesday.

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Business

New Businesses & Ownership • Farm News & Views • Auction Market Reports

by Richard Westlund

"Call and we'll be right there" is the motto for three local brothers who have started their own snow removal business this year.

Jesse Schmidt, 10 and his brother Darren, 11, and Timothy, 8, started The Shovelling Kids modestly when one business, Home Based Books in Didsbury, offered them a contract to clear the walks after a snow fall a couple of months ago.

But the three didn't wait to build their business from there. On their way home they stopped in to talk to other business owners and were able to scare up even more business.

"Home Based Books got us to do their walks after a heavy snow fall and after that we went all over mainstreet to the different businesses," said Darren, who said they were able to secure eight jobs the first day.

And with a little courage to approach other businesses and a work ethic that has them up at seven to shovel walks, there business has continued to snowball.

Every time the three go out to shovel the lots they have contracts for, they stop at other businesses offering their services.

The price for lots has been \$3 to \$6 depending on size, but the bakery has a separate arrangement for them - shovelling in exchange for a hot chocolate and a doughnut.

So far their business hours have been determined by the snowfalls. If it snows once they go

SNOW JOBS

*Brothers band
together to form
snow-shovelling
business*

out once, but there have times where they have been out in the afternoon and evenings after a mid day skiff of snow blows in.

So far the three have learned some lessons of

the business world. More walks equals more money, so in addition to approaching businesses, the three have also designed and made their own business cards, which are currently making being circulated through town.

They have also learned that people are likely to have them back if they do a good job with the walks they have been hired to clear.

"If you do a good job people are going to want you to do their walks again," said Jesse, who is planning on buying a new paintball gun with his profits.

Timothy is also planning on buying a paintball gun, while Darren is still undecided and puts his earnings in his bank account.

"I think it has been a good learning experience for the boys," said Janet, the mother of The Shovelling Kids.

"My husband thought as long as there work is okay, we are okay with them doing this."

Initially Janet had a concern about her three boys walking out to their jobs on there own, but so far they have proved to be reliable. And the pay-offs she is seeing from her kids has been amazing.

"I think this is good for their self-esteem - going into stores and talking with the managers - they are learning how to deal with the public and are learning about responsibility.

"The money part is also a good learning tool for later in life."

And until the snow melts The Shovelling Kids will be out and about clearing snow and building skills and bank accounts.



The Schmidt brothers clear the snow from in front of Home Based books from where they got their first contract. Their business has snowballed from there. Inset: Darren, Jesse and Timothy are always on duty to remove snow.



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Industrial agriculture is dead but, like a chicken with its head cut off, is still running around the barnyard. So says a Kansas farmer who is also a director of an influential farm organization. Farmers have been brainwashed for many years by the machinery companies, fertilizer suppliers, herbicide and pesticide sellers and seed sources that bigger is better. In fact the term farming is giving way to the modern term agribusiness.

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Evidence world-wide - and even now in the USA - is beginning to point to



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a safer simpler alternative: get small farmers back on the land and more people directly involved in producing their own food. Small and personal is more efficient, equally or more productive, more adaptable,

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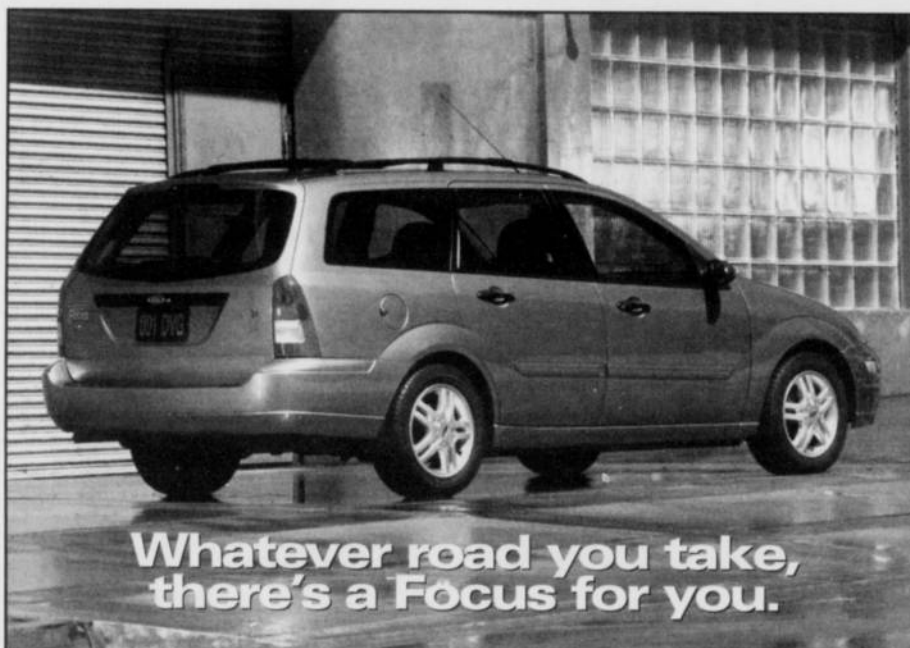


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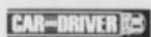
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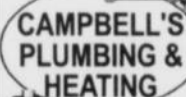
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COUNTY BUDGET

County sees surplus - provincial assessment mistake caught

by Richard Westlund

Mountain View County ran a \$53,381 surplus in 2001, thanks in part to a mistake made by the province in assessing the value of a piece of equipment at a local gas plant.

Director of Finance Bryn Jones said the Alberta government, which does the assessments of oil and gas in the County, made a \$16 million dollar error in determining the value of a piece of oil and gas equipment.

That meant a difference in nearly \$300,000 in taxes collected - about half which is retained by the County.

"Without the change the County would have collected less tax than what was budgeted for," said Jones.

The County expected \$18,190,685 in taxes according to an unaudited budget.

Instead they collected \$100,242 more than that.

Overall the County took in \$470,210 more than what was budgeted for but also spent \$416,829 more than what was in the 2001 budget. The difference made for the small surplus.

Jones said County Council set an aggressive budget last April and that the County "was scrambling for dollars".

Last year, Council was presented with a budget that was \$305,000 short and Council was forced to make changes to bring the numbers into line.

Councillors spent a

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-Bryn Jones,
Director of
Finance

day exploring options and passed a balanced budget the following day after changing salvage value figures, removing a \$5,000 transfer to the Administration Building-Mechanical reserve as it was deemed to be no longer necessary, and eliminating an already-approved floater grader.

Jones was happy with the fact that the County was able to stay in line with the "tight budget" and that he hoped next year would be smoother than the last.

He said it was a challenging year financially as the County dealt with many different areas, such as fire and recreation.

Reeve Ian Harvie said he responded to the news the County was able to keep to budget with a "sigh of relief."

He said the \$53,000 surplus was a good sign but added that next year may be a challenging one for the County as well.

"We probably will have another aggressive year," he said.

The County will sit down to create the 2002 budget on April 22. Harvie said the meeting will be open to the public.

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AJHL

Grizzlys gearing up for the playoffs

by Barry Williams

It's time to stand up and cheer for the Olds Grizzlys in their second season...the play-offs.

After completing the 2001/2002 Alberta Junior Hockey League regular schedule on the road in northern Alberta with an 8-1 shellacking over the Fort Saskatchewan Traders and a 4-2 victory over the Sherwood Park Crusaders, the Grizzlys are prepared for the play-offs commencing at the Olds Sportsplex on March 8 at 7:30 p.m.

Against the Crusaders, Pat McDonald, Ryan Huddy, and Morod Radmacher with a pair dented the twine, while in the rout against the Traders, Tyler Hilbert fired a hat trick, while Huddy netted a pair of goals. Singletons were added by Greg Kreese, Ryan Barnett and Jason Steenbergen. Three of the goals were scored shorthanded and two were blinked on the power play.

Because the Grizzlys finished in second place in the Rogers AT&T Wireless south division standings with 80 points on 36 wins, 20 losses and 8 ties, they received a bye into the first round of post season play and are expected to play the winner of the five game series between the Calgary Royals and the Crowsnest Pass Timberwolves or the Camrose Kodiaks and the Calgary Canucks. Depending on who emerges victorious in the two five game mini play-offs series, the Grizzlys will play the winning team which finished the furthest down in the standings during the regular season. The Canmore Eagles on the strength of 45 wins finished first overall in AJHL league standings with 97 points and first in the south division, while the Kodiaks, the defending AJHL and Royal Bank Champions, finished third overall in the south division ranking with 71 points.

According to the Grizzlys coaching staff, the opposition in the post season play really doesn't matter as the play-offs are a completely new season.

In an earlier interview, Grizzlys Head Coach and General Manager, Brett Cox, indicated the team's focus in the final two games of the season was preparing for the play-offs mentally and physically.

Although the Grizzlys are laden with talented rookies with no previous AJHL play-off experience, Cox expects the veteran players will provide the leadership to ensure the younger players keep their focus during post season play.

"We have several players who have went through this before the past couple of years and I can assure you they want to bring the league championship back to Olds," noted Cox.

Meanwhile, Assistant Coach, Kevin Hasselberg, a former member of the Fort McMurray Oil Barons and Medicine Hat Tigers of the Western Hockey League, believes the main ingredient for victory in the play-off run will be defensive play.

Because Hasselberg has went through the vigour of AJHL post season play before, he will be drawing upon his past experience in preparing the players for every game.

"As long as the players are prepared to play each and every game in the play-offs, we will win our share of games," Hasselberg added recently after a game against the Crowsnest Pass Timberwolves. Both Cox and Hasselberg are confident the Grizzlys will make an honest effort towards a league championship.



photo by Carla Victor

The Grizzlys were hard at work last week in practice gearing up for the AJHL playoffs.

Provincial players

The following are some of the players from Didsbury's bantam team who will be fighting for a provincial championship this weekend in Didsbury.



Jackson Meston
#13 - Defense



Jordan Neufeld
#14 - Defence



Brett Fillmore #16
- Wing



Nick Kurtz #17 -
Wing



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Defence



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- Wing



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Trainer

Atom B Roughriders wins second playoff round

The Didsbury Atom B Roughriders advanced to the finals in the Atom B2 division by defeating the High River Rangers on the weekend in a two game total points format. The Rangers scored two quick goals in the first period. Sam Kilmury got the Roughriders on the score board with a goal midway through the first period. High River scored one more in the first to lead 3-1. Sam scored the only goal of the second period, and his second of the game. Matt Jaenens goal in the third tied the game 3-3. High River answered back quickly scoring 20 seconds later to lead 4-3. The Roughriders never gave up; they kept pressing for that tying goal. With seven minutes in the third Matt got his second of the game assisted by Alex Hutcheon, to make the final score 4-4.

The Roughriders traveled to High River on Sunday knowing they have to play at their best to be able to beat the first place team from the south division. The Didsbury forwards were back checking, the defense was breaking up plays and the team was playing to win. Sam Kilmury scored the first goal of the game assisted by Jesse Steward and Alex Hutcheon. Kasey Eichhorst scored from the point with assists to John Carlson and Matt Jaenen. The Roughriders had the Rangers pinned in their

zone, Dayle Kimmel scored on a rebound. The Rangers came out strong in the third and scored two goals. With Don Kilmury swift of hand and fleet of foot

and the teams strong desire to win kept the Rangers from tying the game. The Roughriders won the game 3-2 and move on to the final.

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Rough ride for local cowboys at Olympics

by Barry Williams

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Competing against the best competitors from the United States and Canada, local cowboys had a tough ride at the Winter Olympics as they failed to capture a gold medal at the rodeo. It was the second time the sport of rodeo was included as part of a cultural festival at the Winter Olympics. It first made an appearance at the 1988 Calgary Winter Olympic Games and was an instant success with the audience. Headed by three time Canadian Professional Rodeo Association bareback champion Bill Boyd, of Olds, other participants from the area at the Olympiad Rodeo included bull riders Rob Bell, of Water Valley, a two time CPRA bull riding champion, Kelly Armstrong, of Big Valley, calf roper Guy Smith, of Wimbourne, saddle bronc rider Billy Richatds, of Cochrane, team ropers Wayne Skoedopole and Dale Skoedopole, of Big Valley and Travis Gallais, of Olds.

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Game 3 Friday 10:30am - 1:00pm Devon vs Hanna
Game 4 Friday 1:30pm - 4:00pm Bonneville vs High River
Game 5 Friday 4:15pm - 6:45pm Daysland vs Beaver Lodge

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Game 6 Friday 8:15pm - 10:45pm Didsbury vs Morinville

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Game 8 Saturday 10:30am - 12:45pm Devon vs High River
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POFFENROTH - Conrad. Mr. Conrad Poffenroth, beloved husband of Olga (Ollie) Poffenroth of Didsbury, AB passed away at the Didsbury Care Centre on February 26, 2002 at the age of 88 years. Conrad was born on Friday, November 7, 1913 in Calgary. He moved to the family farm in the Acme district in 1923. He was educated at the Davis school. In 1938 Conrad married Olga Grabinsky and they were blessed with 63 years of marriage. They retired to Didsbury in September of 1988. His life revolved around his family and he was driven by his ability to appreciate the simple basics of life. His involvement in the community included being a member of the Acme Elks Lodge and in assisting Santa Claus for many years. His focus on life was also determined by his lifetime commitment to the Lutheran Church where he was confirmed at St. John Lutheran Church, Calgary, in 1927. Besides his loving wife Olga, Conrad is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Ron and Beverley of Acme, AB, two daughters and a son-in-law, Gail and Dallas Paget, and Leanne Poffenroth, all of Calgary, six grandchildren, and seven great grandchildren. He is also survived by two sisters, Millie Volb and Florence Rohl, both of Calgary. Many nieces, nephews, and friends will also miss him. Conrad was predeceased by his son-in-law Dick Masset (1981), three siblings Katie, Fred, and John in infancy, brother Henry (1976), and sister Tillie (1998). Funeral Services were held at the Redeemer Lutheran Church (Corner of 2300 and 15th Avenue, Didsbury) on Friday, March 1, 2002 at 11:00 a.m. with Pastor Rob Mohs officiating. Graveside Services were held at the Acme Cemetery, Acme, AB, on Friday, March 1, 2002 at 3:00 p.m. To e-mail expressions of sympathy: condolences@mcinnisandholloway.com. Subject Heading: Conrad Poffenroth. If friends so desire, memorial tributes may be made directly to the Redeemer Lutheran Church Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 487, Didsbury, AB T0M 0W0. In living memory of Conrad Poffenroth, a tree will be planted at Nose Creek Valley, Calgary, by McINNIS & HOLLOWAY FUNERAL HOMES, "Airdrie Funeral Home", 300 TOWERLANE DRIVE, AIRDRIE, ALBERTA, TELEPHONE: (403) 948-1100.

Frances Marie Patten (Fran) of Didsbury passed away at the Didsbury District Health Services Centre on February 28th, 2002 after a brief illness. She was born on July 26th, 1935 in Leader, Saskatchewan. She received her schooling in Leader and, while working in a restaurant there, she met the new Mountie in town. She married Ron on April 21st, 1953. They lived in Turner Valley, Cochrane, Pincher Creek, Worsley and Calgary before settling in Didsbury in 1970. She was an active member of the Legion Ladies Auxiliary in Worsley and the Legion in Olds, charter Member of the Rebekah Lodge in Cochrane, and an active Member of the Royal Purple Lodge #317 in Didsbury. She enjoyed golfing, bowling and collecting angels. Fran was predeceased by her parents Carl and Eva Bickler, her brothers Johnny (1944 in France) and Tony, and sisters Agnes and Addie. She is survived by her devoted husband of 49 years, Ron; their children David, Tyrone (Deborah Whitmore) and Kevin (Karen); grandchildren Dallas, Justin, Carley, Kimberly and Alexis; sisters Merlene, Kay, Mary and Lorraine and numerous brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces and nephews. *"Whisper Of Angel Wings"* Today I stumbled and once again, Was lifted up by an unseen hand, What comfort and joy that knowledge brings, For I hear the whisper of angel wings. The Guardian angels God sends to all, To bear us up when we stumble and fall, Trust Him, my friend, and often you'll hear, The whisper of angel wings hovering near. Written by Fran Patten. Memorial services, held on March 4th, 2002 at the Didsbury Elks Hall entrusted to Mountain View Funeral Chapels of Didsbury.

Hobbs - Marilyn Jane Hobbs passed away peacefully on February 27, 2002 at the Didsbury Hospital at the age of 44 years. She is survived by her loving family as well as numerous relatives and friends. A memorial Service was held at Knox United Church in Didsbury, On Monday, March 4, 2002 at 11:00 a.m. In lieu of flowers, a donation in Marilyn's memory may be made to the Didsbury Hospital, Bag 130, Didsbury AB T0M 0W0.

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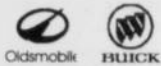
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Passion Play

On Mar. 23, 24, 25 at 7:30 p.m. at the Redeemer Lutheran Church. Admission is free. Come witness the amazing story of Jesus's resurrection

Meeting

Annual Meeting of the Didsbury Life-line Society Monday, March 11, 2002 10 a.m. at Didsbury Town Office. Visitors always welcome. For info 335-3787.

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Dinner

Annual Rosebud Ham Dinner on Sun. Mar. 17, 2002 at the Rosebud Hall. 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m. \$15 family or \$7 adult, \$3.50 16 and under. Preschool free. Everyone welcome.

Meeting

Didsbury & District Senior Support Services (Home Help) will hold their Annual General Meeting Thursday March 7, 2002 at 10 a.m. at 2009-20th Ave. Everyone welcome.

Registration

Didsbury Minor Ball Registration on March 12th & 26th at 7 p.m. at the Didsbury Complex.

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Breakfast

Mountain View Christian Women's Club is holding their breakfast on March 12 at The Redeemer Lutheran Church from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. The topic is Books and Bits. Call Debby 337-2487 for reservations.

Coffee Party

Rosebud Ladies Coffee Party on Wed. Mar. 13 9:30 a.m. At Rosebud Hall. All ladies welcome.

CARSTAIRS

Concert

Fred J Eaglesmith Concert. A Non-profit fundraiser to complete the Carstairs arena on Sat., April 27th, Carstairs. Info: 337-2781.

ONGOING EVENTS

CARSTAIRS

RECYCLING DEPOT

Carstairs Lion's Recycling Depot is open every Saturday from 9 a.m. - 12:20 p.m.

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COMMUNITY CRISIS SOCIETY

Are you experiencing family violence? Please call the Crisis Shelter at 1-877-934-6634.

CHAMPS

"NEW" Canadian Weight Awareness - CHAMPS Clubs Inc. is a Registered Non-Profit Weight Loss Support Organization which meets weekly. We are open to Men and Ladies whom share a common concern of managing funds sensibly. For more info contact Elaine at 250-832-7671 or Jan at 250-392-5474.

DIDSBURY MUSEUM

New Winter hours: Saturday: 1 - 5 p.m., special occasions, & anytime by appointment. Please call Marg Weaver at 335-4245, Jim Neis at 335-3133 or Willard Stauffer at 335-3715.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

General Meeting- Second Monday of each month, 6:30 p.m. supper, 7 p.m. meeting 335-3265. RSVP

DIDSBURY TOPS

Take Off Pounds Sensibly! Come and join us every Wednesday evening. For more info call Stacey at 335-4487 or Joanne at 337-2614.

ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD

Didsbury Environmental Advisory Board meets once every two months at the Town Office. For info call Deborah at the Town Office at 335-8343.

TOY LIBRARY

Child & Youth Clubs of Didsbury Toy Library: Open Tuesdays 10-11:30 a.m. and 2nd & 4th Saturdays for the winter at the Anglican Church Hall basement 2037 - 24 Ave. New members always welcome. Kerri at 335-9928.

AA

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings. Fridays 8:30 p.m. at the Masonic Hall, Didsbury, 20 Ave. and 21 St. For information call Wendy at 335-3877 or Rick at 335-9525.

TIME OUT

Child & Youth Clubs of Didsbury's Mom's Time Out and Dads Too program. At Anglican Church Hall, Mondays 10-11:30 a.m. Nominal babysitting fee. Call 335-2388 for more information.

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KING HIRAM LODGE

King Hiram Lodge #21 has its regular meetings at 8 p.m. every 2nd Tuesday of the month. For info, call Hans Lucas at 337-2250.

O.E.S. MEETING

St. Hilda Chapter #27 O.E.S. has its regular meetings at 7:30 p.m. every 3rd Tuesday of the month. For info, call Kay Johnston at 335-4060.

GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS

Gamblers Anonymous (G.A.) starting Monday, January 22 from 7-9 p.m. in the Assembly Room at the Hospital Unit 4. For more information please call 335-8208.

SONS OF NORWAY

Sons of Norway meets the 4th Monday of every month at 8 p.m. at Evergreen Centre in Olds. All welcome. Call 556-2401 or 337-2037 for more information.

RECYCLING DEPOT

Didsbury Lions Recycle Centre open Mon-Fri 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Accepting newspaper, office papers, magazines, junkmail, plastic milkjugs (please clean). Phone 335-8193. Use outside bins.

CASH BINGO

Didsbury Elks Cash Bingo every Tuesday. Doors open 6:00 p.m., Nickel Bingo at 6:45. Regular Bingo at 7:30 p.m. Didsbury Elks Hall.

DIDSBURY PRESCHOOL

The Didsbury Preschool Society is currently accepting on-going registrations for children 3 to 5 years old to our preschool program. For more information or to register your child please call Cherrie 335-8818 or 335-8039

LIONS

Lions Handi Bus in town service Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Wheelchair accessible. Call Lloyd Kenyon at 335-2363.

INFORMATION

Mountain View La Leche League, a group which offers information and support for breastfeeding mothers. We also meet the 3rd Tuesday evenings of each month. Phone 335-8864 or 335-2331 for information and meeting location.

BEAVER'S

Beaver's Monday 7 - 8 p.m. at Eldon Foote Hall. Kids 5 to 7 years old, boys and girls welcome.

OUT OF SCHOOL CARE

Just Done For Fun out of school care program runs each school day at Ross Ford. For more information call 335-8168.

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AL-ANON

Al-Anon: for persons affected by someone else's drinking. Fri. 8 p.m. For more information call 337-2549, 335-9787 or 337-3762.

BRIDGE CLUB

Mountain View Bridge Club meets every Wednesday from 7-10 p.m. at the Masonic Star Hall, 2037-21 Avenue, Didsbury. All bridge players welcome! For more info: 335-8375 or 638-2757.

HALL WALKING

Adult hall walking at Westglen from 6:45 a.m. Monday to Thursday. Keep fit this winter.

SUPPORT GROUP

ADD/ADHD Support Group. For parents and families dealing with attention deficit disorder. For more info call Sherree 335-8612.

HOME HELP ASSOCIATION

The Didsbury Home Help Support Services co-ordinates assistance for seniors. Call 335-4391.

LEARNING DISABILITIES

Learning Disabilities of Alberta, Mtn. View Chapter. Support and info for parents and teachers dealing with learning disabilities. Meet on last Tuesday of the month in lower level conference room in Physiotherapy Unit of Hospital. For info call Susan at 335-3174.

LONE PINE

T.O.P.S.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly meets every Friday at 9 a.m. at Lone Pine Hall. For information call Doreen at 335-4514.

OLDS

MEETING

Adoption Support Group of Olds and area meet the 3rd Tuesday of every month. For more information contact Susan at 335-8540.

SUPPORT GROUP

Fibromyalgia Support Group 4th Thursday of every month. For time and place, contact Mel Terpstra 335-3527 for info.

SUNDRE

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS Wednesdays, 8 - 9 p.m. in the basement of the Anglican Church. Ron 638-2736.

ALA TEEN

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